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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 133 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/705.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 35th meetings, on 29 November and 1 December 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.33 and 35).

3. At the 33rd meeting, on 29 November, the Controller made a statement regarding the need for financial authority for the operation of the Mission beyond 30 November 1995.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/50/L.7

4. At its 35th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Mexico introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/50/L.7), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/50/L.7 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

The General Assembly decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 to 15 December 1995 in the amount of 10,601,120 United States dollars gross (10,420,020 dollars net).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti 1/ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1007 (1995) of 31 July 1995, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for an additional period of seven months, to 29 February 1996, in anticipation of the conclusion of the mandate at that time, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the United Nations Mission in Haiti,

Recalling also its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was the decision adopted by the Assembly at its 78th meeting, on 4 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/50/363 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

2/ A/50/488 and Add.1.

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti as at 13 December 1995, including the unpaid contributions in the amount of 78,677,550 United States dollars, representing 33 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 November 1995, notes that some 8 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, notably those troop-contributing Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, which bear an additional burden, owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement and taking into account the amount of 2,257,700 dollars gross (2,056,600 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/246 of 5 April 1994 and decision 49/468 of 23 December 1994, to apportion the additional amount of 3,644,800 dollars gross (3,650,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 3,030,730 dollars gross (3,035,470 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 614,070 dollars gross (615,030 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 31 January 1995 inclusive;

7. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income of 5,700 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995 inclusive; 4,740 dollars being the amount

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3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/19 B.

pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 960 dollars, for the period from 1 to 31 January 1995;

8. Decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,982,600 dollars gross (1,915,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995;

9. Decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,982,600 dollars gross (1,915,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

10. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Haiti a total amount of 152,011,500 dollars gross (149,680,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1995 to 29 February 1996, inclusive of the amount of 63,606,720 dollars gross (62,520,120 dollars net) authorized under the provisions of Assembly resolution 49/239 for the period from 1 August to 31 October 1995, the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision of 1 November 1995 for the period from 1 to 30 November 1995 and the amount of 10,601,120 dollars gross (10,420,020 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision of 4 December 1995 for the period from 1 to 15 December 1995;

11. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net) apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/239 and the amount of 63,606,720 dollars gross (62,520,120 dollars net) apportioned in accordance with its decision of 1 November 1995, to apportion the additional amount of 67,202,540 dollars gross (66,320,240 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1995 to 29 February 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 48,272,247 dollars gross (47,638,482 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for the year 1996 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 18,930,293 dollars gross (18,681,758 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 29 February 1996 inclusive;

12. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 882,300 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 August 1995 to 29 February 1996 inclusive; 633,765 dollars being the

amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1995, and the balance, that is, 248,535 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 29 February 1996;

13. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 18,013,200 dollars gross (17,274,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995;

14. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 18,013,200 dollars gross (17,274,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

15. Decides further, with regard to the period beyond 29 February 1996, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in connection with the maintenance of the Mission for a three-month period from 1 March to 31 May 1996 at a monthly rate not to exceed 10 million dollars gross (9.5 million dollars net) and to assess the amount of 20 million dollars gross (19 million dollars net) on Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 29 February 1996;

16. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

17. Decides to keep the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" under review during its fiftieth session.